

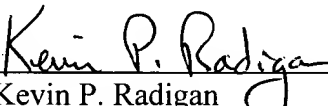
Remarks

Entry of this amendment and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Claims 7-15 & 20-35 remain pending.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 9-15, 27-31, 33 & 36, as well as the indication of allowability of claims 7, 8, 20-26, 32 & 34 if rewritten into independent form. Responsive thereto, Applicants herein rewrite dependent claims 32 & 34 into independent form, and depend claims 7, 8 & 20-26 therefrom. Therefore, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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